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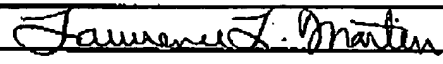
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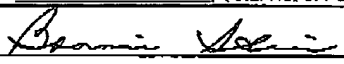
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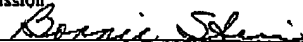
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PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.143:

Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-17 drawn to products of formula (1) wherein R₁ is a cyclopentyl group as set forth in claim 7, page 146, line 24, A is an aminophenyl group, and R₂ is a carbamate. A compound falling within the scope of the elected specie is methyl 5-(4-cyclopentylaminophenylsulfonyloxy)-benzimidazole-2-carbamate, the preparation of which is disclosed as Example 19, page 52, of the specification and the compound is specifically claimed in claim 7.